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# THINK FOOD

## School Nutrition Programs

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#### COMMODITY DELIVERY POLICY REMINDERS

Please be sure to note discrepancies (overages, shortages, damages) on all three copies of the bill of lading and delivery receipt.

The driver is required to take the commodity delivery to the school's receiving area. They are not required to take it to the kitchen or to the freezer or cooler.

School food authorities are to accept only the amounts and types of foods specified on the bill of lading. **DO NOT** accept any substitutions or overages.

A school food authority may refuse one or more food items by notifying School Nutrition Programs prior to shipment. If one or more food items are refused at the time of delivery, a school food authority will be charged delivery and handling costs for food returned to Helena unless the school food authority can find another school

on the same delivery route willing to accept the food. The entire delivery policy for the USDA donated foods can be found at <http://www.opi.mt.gov/schoolfood/foodDistNEW.html>.

#### ABC MEETINGS COMING UP

The fall meetings are scheduled for October 22 in Missoula, October 23 in Great Falls and in Miles City on October 25.

If you have topics you would like on the Agenda, contact any committee member. Agenda items need to be received at the Office of Public Instruction School Nutrition Programs by October 17. Fax agenda items to (406) 444-2955 or e-mail Brenda Peppers at [bpeppers@mt.gov](mailto:bpeppers@mt.gov).

#### LET US SERVE YOU BETTER

We would like to serve you as efficiently as possible when calling the OPI School Nutrition Programs Office. To save



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you time when seeking information pertaining to specific subjects we would like to remind you that you can reach any one of us by calling us directly.

For questions pertaining to free and reduced applications or nutrition information either of our specialists, Brenda Peppers and Kim Pullman will be happy to help you. Brenda can be reached at 444-4413 and Kim at 444-3532.

For information regarding claims for reimbursement call Sofia Janik at 444-2521.

Kennie Johnson will be happy to answer questions regarding the Cooperative Purchasing Program. The number that she can be reached is 444-4412.

Commodity questions can be answered by Judy Wilson at 444-4415.

You may still reach us by calling our main number 444-2501 and Alie Wolf will be happy to direct your call to the appropriate individual.

### **COMMODITY CANCELLATIONS**

We have been notified that the USDA will not be purchasing the BONUS applesauce. Also, not all of the sliced apple orders will be filled and some delivery periods have been

changed. Watch Lunchline for updates.

### **COMMODITY OATS GONE**

The warehouse informed us that due to the extreme heat this summer the commodity oats on hand from last year became infested with bugs and had to be destroyed.

### **FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENT LICENSES REMINDER**

The 2003 Montana Legislature amended section 50-50-202 (1), MCA, of the retail food service law. Under the amendment, public school food service establishments will need to be licensed unless they employ their own fulltime sanitarian independent of the local health authority's sanitarian.

Please submit your completed license application along with the appropriate license fee(s) to the Montana Department of Public Health & Human Services, Food and Consumer Safety Section, PO Box 202951, Helena, MT 59620 prior to December 31, 2007.

If you have questions, please call School Nutrition Programs at (406) 444-2501.

